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SUBJ: SHIPPING BUILD-UP AT DURBAN HARBOR

1. FOLLOWING SIX MONTHS WITHOUT CONGESTION, DURBAN PORT AGAIN IS EXPERIENCING MODERATE BUILD-UP OF VESSELS AWAITING BERTHS. CURRENTLY 1: SHIPS ARE ANCHORED OUTSIDE HARBOR, FACING WAITING PERIODS OF 22: HOURS BEFORE ENTERING PORT.

2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS OPINE THAT CONGESTION CAUSED BY WHARFS AND CARGO SHEDS FILLED TO CAPACITY WITH UNCLEARED CARGO, MUCH OF WHICH IS DESTINED FOR TRANSVAAL. DURBAN PORT DIRECTOR STATES RECENT INCLEMENT WEATHER HAS AGGRAVATED SITUATION AS HAVE DELAYS DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON IN IMPORTERS' CLEARING OF INCOMING SHIPMENTS. HOWEVER, UNOFFICIAL LOCAL OPINION SUGGESTS THAT DECLINE IN DEMAND IN S.A. ECONOMY MAY BE REASON UNDERLYING GROWING NUMBER OF UNCLEARED SHIPMENTS IN DURBAN HARBOR. THE FACT THAT STORAGE CHARGES FOR GOODS LYING IN DURBAN PORT ARE MOST REASONABLE MAY ALSO SUPPORT THIS THEORY.

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